what’s new

Search for Professional Associations on CareerOneStop

Industry and professional associations help individuals to keep current with trends in their field and also offer a great community for professional support and learning. These organizations can also be valuable resources for job seekers and students looking for information about salaries, job opportunities, career paths, training options, and more. Search for national associations by occupation or industry using CareerOneStop’s new Professional Associations Finder at www.CareerOneStop.org/FindAssociations.

Connecting Veterans to Jobs

CareerOneStop offers new resources to help businesses recruit and hire veterans. Visit www.CareerOneStop.org/HireAVet or click on “I want to hire a vet” from the CareerOneStop Business Center (www.CareerOneStop.org/Business) to find tips and resources for hiring veterans. From there, find an overview of available resources in the “Recruiting and Hiring Veterans” video. Or, find a print overview of the same resources at www.CareerOneStop.org/HireAVet.pdf.

Also, check out a new one-page flyer highlighting resources for veterans seeking career, training, or job search help: www.CareerOneStop.org/JobSearchForVets.pdf.

spotlight

Tools to help find—and pay for—classes, training programs, or colleges

Thinking about your future education or training options can be inspiring, motivating . . . and complicated.

Whether you’re considering taking one class, enrolling in a training program, or pursuing a college degree, you have decisions to make. The most important ones may be:

Which program or school is right for me? How will I pay?

CareerOneStop has tools and resources to help you answer both of these questions. Read more on page 2.
spotlight: Tools to help with training decisions

You've decided that it's time to advance your education and you're ready to research colleges or training options. Whether you're looking for a 2- or 4-year program or for short-term training to enhance your skill set, CareerOneStop.org has tools to help you.

Where can I find short-term training options in my area?

CareerOneStop's Short-Term Training Finder (www.CareerOneStop.org/FindShortTermTraining) will help you locate local training for certificates, diplomas, or awards that can be earned in less than two years.

Where can I find two- or four-year degree programs?

CareerOneStop's Education and Training Finder (www.CareerOneStop.org/FindEducationTraining) can help you locate degree programs at any accredited institution, public or private. Search by occupation, program name, or school or institution name.

How can I pay for a training program or college degree?

College classes, short-term training programs, and even single courses can be expensive. Learn about grants, loans, and scholarships that may be available to help you at CareerOneStop's Education + Training: Pay section (www.CareerOneStop.org/EducationTrainingInfo). If you were laid off from a job, you may also qualify for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training help. Services vary by state, so contact your local American Job Center. You can find yours on www.CareerOneStop.org/JobCenter.
Industry-defined Skill Requirements Help Build Today’s Talent Pool

Today’s aging workforce and changing technology affects key sectors of the U.S. economy—and challenges employers’ ability to find qualified workers both to replace experienced workers and who are capable of utilizing new technology in reengineered work environments. The Competency Model Clearinghouse highlights two innovative approaches to training workers in new technologies by providing industry-defined skill requirements.

Northeast Ohio, where Lorain County Community College and partners used the competencies in the Energy, Advanced Manufacturing and Commercial & Industrial Construction Competency Models to build their talent pool. Read more about their work: www.CareerOneStop.org/CMC/EnergyCS.

Massachusetts, where a consortium of community colleges adopted a customized Advanced Manufacturing Competency Model and developed a pathway between the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership and a local community college. Read more at www.CareerOneStop.org/CMC/AdvancedMfg.

Visit www.CareerOneStop.org/CMC to learn more about industry-defined skill requirements.

Find a Local Job Club with America’s Service Locator

Everyone knows job searching can be all-consuming. Why not get the benefit of sharing your ideas, challenges, and successes with other job hunters? Local job clubs are an excellent source for information, referrals, and general support during a job search.

America’s Service Locator lets you locate job clubs in your neighborhood, city, or state. Visit www.ServiceLocator.org/JobClub to search by ZIP code, city, or state. You’ll find contact information including websites and phone numbers when available, as well as maps and driving directions to job clubs in your area.

Look for new resources and information on CareerOneStop to help ex-offenders with their career, job search, and training needs.